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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/48/105 of 13 April 1993, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to appoint two persons to fill vacancies that will arise in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, effective 31 December 1993.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Mayer Gabay (Israel);

Mr. Roberto Lavalle Valdés (Guatemala);

Mr. Luis M. de Posadas Montero (Uruguay);

Mr. Arpád Prandler (Hungary);

Mr. Ioan Voicu (Romania).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

Mayer GABAY

Name: Mayer Gabay
Civil Service Commissioner, Government of Israel, Jerusalem

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Personal: Date and place of birth: 26 June 1933, Jerusalem
Nationality: Israeli
Marital status: Married, three children

Education: Hebrew University of Jerusalem - Master of Laws with distinction (highest honours), 1958

Columbia University, New York - Master of Comparative Law, 1961-1962 (international transactions, taxation, insurance, intellectual property law)

London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, United Kingdom, 1962-1963. Research study on taxation of international financial transactions.

Employment: Since May 1987 - Civil Service Commissioner, Government of Israel (Government appointment; responsible for administrative, legal and disciplinary aspects of all government personnel and related agencies)

From February 1976 to April 1987 - Director General, Ministry of Justice, Israel (sub-ministerial level, highest civil service rank; responsible for all substantive departmental services within the Ministry; Legal Advisor to the Ministerial Committee on Economic Affairs).

July 1973-February 1976 - Deputy Attorney General, Ministry of Justice, Israel (responsible for government advisory services on matters of economic and commercial law, including international economic relations and treaties).

1969-1973 - Commissioner of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, Government of Israel, Jerusalem (responsible for policy, administration, judicial decisions and international arrangements concerning industrial property and copyright).

1963-1969 - Chief, Investment Unit, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York (responsibilities included advisory services and international operations concerning the promotion of investment and technology transfer to developing countries,

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transfer of technology arrangements, taxation, patents administration and legislation).

1958-1961 - Practice of law

Advisory services: United Nations: Mission to Peru, 18-22 October 1971, to review with the relevant departments in the Ministry of Economy and Finance their proposed legal and administrative instruments relating to investments, including the need for a proposed centre for investment and technology

United Nations: Mission to Bolivia, 20-23 October 1971, to provide comments, for the Minister of Commerce and Industry, on a contemplated new draft law on investment and acquisition of technology.

Advisory Mission to the Republic of Korea on investment and transfer of technology legislation (March 1973).

Member of Expert Group on Export Credit Guarantee Facility (1975-1976).

Member of several international expert committees on taxation, foreign investment and industrial property legislation (1975-1993).

University teaching: 1958-1961 - Hebrew University of Jerusalem - Business and contract law.

Since 1969 - Law Schools of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and University of Tel Aviv - International economic and trade law and intellectual property law.

International conferences: United Nations Representative to the Stockholm Diplomatic Conference (1967) for the revision of the Bern and Paris Conventions and the establishment of the world Intellectual Property Organization.

Member of the United Nations Expert Committee on Transfer of Technology and Know-how to Developing Countries (1971).

Elected to the Universal Copyright Intergovernmental Committee (1971) and the Bern Convention Executive Committee (1973), and Deputy President of the Intergovernmental Committee (1977).

Head of Israel's delegation to the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the Universal Copyright Convention and the Bern Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Paris, July 1971).

Represented Israel in many other international conferences concerned with international economic relations and human rights.

Head of Israel's delegations to the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development (Nairobi, 1976; Manila, 1979; and Belgrade, 1983).

Other activities: Chairman of the Israel Auditors' Council (1976-1987). Member of the Council of the Israel Bar Association (since 1976). President of the United Nations Association in Israel (since 1980). Member of the joint Government-Jewish Agency committee headed by Mr. Shamgar to investigate appropriate uses of funds originating in the United States (1973-1975). Member of the Israel team negotiating the Autonomy Proposal under the Camp David Accords (1979-1982). Member of the World Bank pool of arbitrators under the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (since 1983). Member of Supreme Court Justice Ahron Barak Committee for the Preparation of the new Israeli Corporations Law (since 1986). Chairman of the Patent and Copyright Laws Revision Committees (since 1987).

Publications: Published and jointly responsible for a series of publications in the field of foreign investment, international taxation, industrial property, as well as an article on "Legal Aspects of the Camp David Framework for Peace in Relation to the Autonomy Proposal" (The Concept of Autonomy, ed. by Prof. Dinstein, 1982).

Languages: Hebrew, English and Spanish - very good knowledge. Arabic and French - fair.

Roberto LAVALLE VALDES

Place and date of birth

Guatemala, 14 March 1932

Marital status

Married

Nationality

Guatemalan by birth

Education

Primary: in the United States
Secondary: in France ("baccalauréat Série A-mathématiques, mention bien")
Higher: in France and Guatemala

(a) In France

Licentiate in law and "doctorat d'université" (in law) of the University of Paris (1954 and 1965); the thesis submitted for the doctorate, dealing with the affiliates of the World Bank, was awarded "mention très bien" and nominated for a prize; business administration degree from the "Académie commerciale pour les étudiants étrangers de l'Ecole des hautes études commerciales" of Paris (1952).

(b) In Guatemala

Licentiate in juridical and social sciences of the University of San Carlos de Guatemala (1963); member of the Guatemalan bar; completion of close to one third of the courses required for the degree of licentiate in economics of that University (1966-1968).

Professional experience

A. With the United Nations Secretariat and the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

September 1991-December 1992
First Secretary, International Court of Justice.

April-June 1991
January-April and June-November 1990
January-March and September-December 1989
Translator (French-English) under short-term contracts with the Registry of the International Court of Justice.

March-August 1989
Senior Legal Liaison Office of the United Nations Office at Vienna.

December 1987-May 1988
Legal Officer in the General Legal Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

September 1979-May 1986
Legal Liaison Officer of the United Nations Environment Programme at Nairobi; during this period: assignment to the Office of Legal Affairs; June-December 1983. (Post held under a permanent United Nations appointment, granted in October 1970 and terminated for abolition of post in May 1986.)

September 1970-August 1979
Legal Officer in the General Legal Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs; also during this period: assignment to the Buenos Aires Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, September 1977-March 1978.

October 1968-September 1970
Assistant Secretary of the Economic and Social Council, United Nations Secretariat.

B. With the Guatemalan Government and public sector:

February 1991
Observer for Guatemala in the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

December 1990
Member of the Guatemalan delegation to the forty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

January-October 1968
Member of the legal department of Banco de Guatemala (central bank of Guatemala).

September-December 1967
Member of the Guatemalan delegation to the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

May-November 1967
Alternate representative of Guatemala to the United Nations; during this period, member of the Guatemalan delegations to the following sessions of United Nations organs: forty-second and forty-third regular sessions of the Economic and Social Council, fifth emergency special session of the General Assembly, fifth regular session and third special session of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Board (UNCTAD), 1967 session of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States.

November 1966-May 1967
Adviser in the public relations department of Banco de Guatemala.

July 1965-November 1966
Member of the legal department of Banco de Guatemala.

August 1963-July 1966
Member of the international financial organizations section of Banco de Guatemala (on leave of absence during the period October 1964-May 1965, devoted to the preparation of the above-mentioned thesis, made possible by financial assistance from Banco de Guatemala).

May 1962-June 1964
Professor of French at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of San Carlos of Guatemala (part-time position).

August 1961-August 1963
Translator for Banco de Guatemala.

C. With the private sector:

October 1958-October 1959
Executive ("cadre commercial") in the export department of Société Automobiles M. Berliet (Paris).

October 1954-September 1958
Translator for Société de Fives-Lille, Paris.

Knowledge of languages

Full proficiency in English, French and Spanish; very good passive knowledge of German and Italian.

Legal publications

(a) Books

La Banque mondiale et ses filiales: aspects juridiques et fonctionnement
Preface by the late Professor Wolfgang Friedmann of Columbia University, Paris, Librairie générale de droit et de jurisprudence, 1972, pp. 323 (Reviewed in 67 American Journal of International Law 811-3 (1973) and in the 1972 Annuaire français de droit international 1109-10.).

(b) Articles and notes

El domicilio en derecho guatemalteco
Revista de la Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales de la Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, December 1961, 55-97.

Alcance y límites del concepto de fe pública
Revista de la Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, vol. LVIII, December 1962, 109-22.

Ensayo sobre la retroactividad
Ibid., vol. LXII, April 1964, 81-98.

State Obligations Under Treaties embodying Unified Rules of Law, with particular Reference to the Bustamante Code
6 Lawyer of the Americas 699-709 (1974).

The Authoritativeness of the English and French Texts of Security Council Resolution 242 (1967) on the Situation in the Middle East
71 American Journal of International Law 311-6 (1977); (under a pseudonym; cf. the entries for Lavalle and de Valdes in the cumulative index to the Journal for volumes 65-74.)

Dispute Settlement under the Vienna Convention on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties
73 American Journal of International Law 407-25 (1979).

About the Alleged Customary Law Nature of the Rule Pacta Sunt Servanda
33 Austrian Journal of Public and International Law 9-28 (1982).

The Notion of International Legal Dispute and the Assumption of Jurisdiction by the International Court of Justice in the Hostages Case
1982-1983 Revue hellénique de droit international 97-110.

Consideraciones sobre la Naturaleza Jurídica del Documento para Establecer la Paz en Centroamérica, Suscrito por los Presidentes Centroamericanos el 7 de agosto de 1987
Revista de la Escuela de Relaciones Internacionales, Universidad Nacional de Heredia, Costa Rica, 2a. época, No. 21, cuarto trimestre de 1987.

New Departures in the Exercise of Inherent Powers by the United Nations and OAS Secretaries-General: the Central American Situation
83 American Journal of International Law 395-402 (1989). (With Hugo Caminos.)

The So-called Inherent Powers of the United Nations Secretary-General in the Political Sphere: A Legal Analysis
37 Netherlands International Law Review 22-36 (I-1990).

The Amicable Dispute Settlement Scheme brought to the Attention of States by the United Nations General Assembly in 1989: A Critical Commentary
42 Austrian Journal of Public and International Law 163-82 (1991).

The Law of the United Nations and the Use of Force, under Security Council Resolutions, to resolve the Persian Gulf Crisis
1992 Netherlands Yearbook of International Law, 3-65.

(c) Letters to editors

71 American Journal of International Law 746-7 (1977); (under the above-mentioned pseudonym).

75 American Journal of International Law 645-47 (1981).

84 American Journal of International Law 882-4 (1990).

Luis M. DE POSADAS MONTERO

Born in Montevideo on 25 June 1927. He studied in his native city and qualified as an attorney in 1952.

In 1954, he was elected to the Montevideo Departmental Council and, in 1959, to the House of Representatives.

In 1963, he was appointed Secretary to the National Governing Council.

In 1965, he was appointed Ambassador to Spain and, in 1972, Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

In 1976, he was appointed Chairman of the Joint Commission for Administration of the River Plate.

In 1978, he was appointed Ambassador to Argentina and, in 1980, Director of Foreign Policy in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In 1980, 1981 and 1982, he was a member of the Uruguayan delegation to the General Assembly. He was also a member of the delegation to the Organization of American States in 1980 and 1982.

From 1983 to 1987, he served as Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

In 1988 and 1989, he was a professor at the University of Bordeaux.

From 1981 to 1987, he was a member of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations, and Vice-Chairman of the Tribunal in 1986 and 1987.

He was a founding member of the International Congress of High Administrative Judiciaries.

He has been a member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal since 1 January 1991.

Arpád PRANDLER

Born in Kaposvár, Hungary, on 23 February 1930.

Academic qualifications

- Bachelor of Law, Budapest University, 1952
- Bachelor of History, Budapest University, 1957
- Candidate in Jurisprudence (Ph.D.), 1974
- Assistant Professor (Lecturer), Budapest University, Faculty of Law, 1952-1962
- Associate Professor, Budapest University, Faculty of Law 1969-1983
- Professor of International Law, Budapest University, Faculty of Law, from 1983
- Professor and Senior Lecturer on International Organizations, University of Economics, Department of International Relations, Budapest

Publications

- Monograph on the Security Council of the United Nations, articles on the Charter of the United Nations, international organizations, peace-keeping, law of the sea, disarmament, human rights.

Professional activities

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from 1962
- Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations, New York, 1963-1968. Director, International Law Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Budapest, 1974-1983
- Ambassador since 1976
- Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, from 1981
- Member of the Hungarian delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations, 1963-1970, 1975-1982 (Delegate in the Sixth Committee, First Committee, Special Political Committee)
- Head of the Hungarian delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, 1974-1982
- Director and Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Department for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations, New York, 1983-1990

- Secretary of the Preparatory Committee of the Third Special Session of the General Assembly on Disarmament, and Secretary of the Committee of the Whole of the session, 1987-1988

- Provisional Secretary-General, and then Secretary-General (at the level of Assistant Secretary-General) of the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, 1990

- Member of the Joint Appeals Board and Joint Disciplinary Board of the United Nations, New York; served as chairman in various cases of appeals and disciplinary proceedings, 1988-1990

- Returned to Budapest October 1990, and resumed his work in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, first at the Department of International Organizations, then at the Department of International Law (with the rank of Ambassador) as Senior Adviser. Deals with various questions of international law and international organizations, inter alia, such as Sixth Committee matters, peace-keeping, implementation of the sanctions of the Security Council, immunities and privileges of international organizations, international humanitarian law, refugees and migration, legal issues at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, etc.

- Member of the Hungarian delegation to the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission, Geneva, 1992-1993

- Member of the National Board of the Hungarian Red Cross, member of the Hungarian Branch of the International Law Association.

Ioan VOICU

Mr. Ioan Voicu was born in Fundata, Romania, on 5 March 1939. He obtained the degree of doctor in political sciences - international law - from the Graduate Institute of International Studies of Geneva University.

Mr. Voicu served as a legal and political expert with the rank of Minister-Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations in New York (1988-1992). He has been an associate professor of public international law in the Academy of Economic Sciences in Bucharest. He has been a member of the diplomatic staff of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1962 and visiting lecturer on international relations in Romanian universities and cultural establishments. In August 1992, he was appointed Director of the Division of International Organizations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From 1969 to 1973, Mr. Voicu was Deputy Director of the Division of International Organizations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and from 1973 to 1975, Deputy Director of the United Nations information centre in Bucharest.

From 1976 to 1992 he was without interruption a member of Romanian delegations to 17 regular sessions of the General Assembly. He represented Romania, in the First, Third and Sixth Committees. He attended many international political and legal conferences. From 1977 to 1979 he served as Chairman of the United Nations Commission for Social Development. In 1986 and 1988 he was elected Vice-Chairman of the Sixth Committee and Chairman of the United Nations Subcommittee on Good-Neighbourliness. In 1987 he was elected and in 1990 re-elected member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal. In 1989 he was elected Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization. He was alternate representative to the Security Council and also member of the delegation of Romania to the Sanctions Committee established by Security Council resolution 661 (1990) and to the Governing Council of the Commission on Compensation of the Security Council (1990-1991).

Mr. Ioan Voicu is a member of: the Romanian Association of International Law and International Relations, the Romanian Association of Lawyers, the International Law Association, the Scientific Board of the Romanian Institute for International Studies and the Romanian National Committee for the United Nations Decade of International Law.

Mr. Voicu has many publications, including De l'interprétation authentique des traités internationaux (Paris Pédone, 1969); Romania in the United Nations system (co-author) (Bucharest, 1974); Theories of International Relations (editor) (Bucharest, 1981); (Peaceful settlement of disputes (co-author) (Bucharest, 1985); and Basic principles of international law (co-author) (Bucharest, 1986). He has contributed to scientific journals with many articles and studies on United Nations political, legal and humanitarian activities, the role of the Security Council and of the Secretary-General in world affairs, international security, non-use of force, arbitration, judicial settlement of disputes, the legal and political dimensions of the new world order, crimes

against the peace and security of mankind, the codification and the progressive development of international law, the law of treaties, diplomacy and diplomatic law, etc.

Mr. Voicu is married and has one son.